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1. Dobrich airfield, located six kilometers north of the city of Dobrich and just north of the railroad station of Istok (sic), lies between the Dobrich-General Toshevo (N4342 E2802) road and the Dobrich-Paskalevo (N4338 E2750) road.
2. This airfield has a main runway 3,000 meters long and 80 meters wide, made of 20 centimeters of packed gravel on top of which there is a bed of asphalt, or other similar material. Above this there is a bed of concrete 20 centimeters thick. On each side of the runway there is a 40-meter wide road of packed earth.
3. Four taxi-strips lead from the hangars to the runway and are built at right angles to the runway. There is also a curved taxi-strip 3,500 meters long and 20 meters wide along which there are 21 circular hardstands, each 60 meters in diameter. The main hangar is 80 by 90 meters in size and includes a workshop. (See Appendix, page 2).
4. Gasoline is stored in underground cylindrical tanks which are 10 meters long and three meters in diameter. They lie on their side, in the ground, rising one meter above the surface of the earth. The exposed portions are well camouflaged.
5. In 1952, new radio and radar equipment was installed at this airfield. Optical instruments in the observation tower were of Soviet manufacture. Upon completion of construction work at this airfield, Soviet experts supervised the installation of all radio, radar, and optical instruments in the observation tower.

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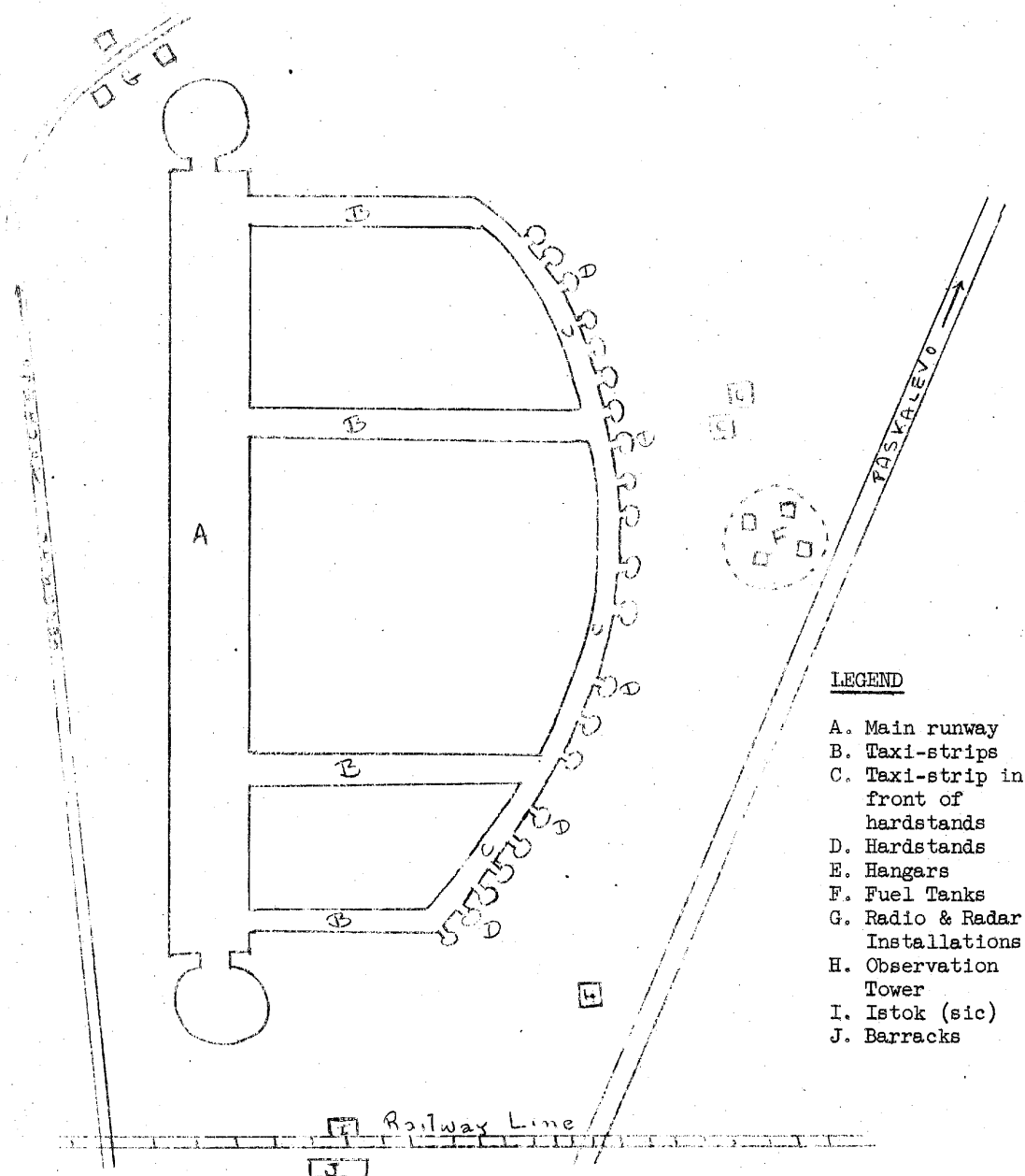
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6. Construction at Dobrich airfield was listed as a work of "national importance," and approximately 2,000 Trudovaks worked on it 24 hours a day, in two or in three shifts. Groups sometimes worked as much as 16 hours at a time. No civilian labor was employed.
7. Control is entirely military. All planes are either military or Soviet in origin. Soviet instructors are at the field to train pilots. In addition to a detachment of air troops, there is a small detachment of antiaircraft artillery located at this airfield.

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APPENDIX:



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